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SIERRA VISTA MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARMS

TUCSON, Ariz. - Nubian T. Amon-Ra, (AKA Moses Edward Hall), 43, of Sierra Vista, Ariz. was arrested without incident in Sierra Vista, Ariz. late Friday afternoon based on an indictment returned against him by a federal grand jury in Tucson on January 18, 2005. Amon-Ra made his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles R. Pyle this afternoon and was detained until his detention hearing set for Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.

The indictment alleges that on September 8, 2005, Amon-Ra knowingly possessed four firearms after having been convicted of crimes punishable by prison terms exceeding one year. He was convicted in Cochise County Superior Court for the Sale or Transfer of a Narcotic Drug on April 25, 1989 and also in Cochise County Superior Court for Conspiracy to Sell or Transfer a Narcotic Drug with an original conviction and sentencing on December 11, 1989, and re-sentencing on January 10, 1994.

A conviction for this crime carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both. In determining an actual sentence, the assigned judge will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was a collaborative effort conducted by the Sierra Vista Field Office of the FBI, DEA, the Sierra Vista Police Department and the Cochise County Sheriff's office. The prosecution is being handled by David P. Petermann, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona.

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